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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7066**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 289

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Redistricting Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Simpson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** *Redistricting Commission-* The bill establishes a redistricting commission to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw General Assembly districts and congressional districts.

*Commission Staff and Administration-* The bill requires the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to provide staff and administrative services to the Commission. The bill establishes standards to govern the Commission and the LSA in the creation of redistricting plans.

*General Assembly Action-* The bill requires the General Assembly to meet and to enact redistricting plans for General Assembly districts before October 1 of a redistricting year. The bill provides that the Commission's plan for congressional districts becomes the congressional district plan when adopted by the Commission unless the General Assembly enacts a different plan by law. The bill authorizes the General Assembly to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the General Assembly is currently authorized to meet.

*Appropriation and Repeal-* The bill repeals the current law relating to congressional redistricting. The bill also makes an appropriation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Redistricting Commission-* The proposed Commission would have nine members, eight of whom would be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Senate Minority Leader, and House Minority Leader. The eight appointed members would convene

to elect the ninth member, who would be the chair. The member selected as the chair may not be a member appointed by the appointing authorities and must meet the qualifications outlined in the bill. Commission members would be required, during a redistricting year, to hold at least one public hearing in the northern, southern, and central regions of Indiana. By August 1 of a redistricting year, the Commission would adopt and submit a redistricting plan to the consideration of the General Assembly.

*Commission Staff and Administration-* LSA would be required to staff Commission meetings. LSA would also be required to create maps, write map descriptions, evaluate publicly submitted maps, and receive written public comments on the Commission's behalf. If the current year were a redistricting year, the LSA would be able to carry out these provisions within the agency's existing level of resources. However, the effect on LSA expenditures would depend on the agency's budgetary needs in redistricting years for the proposed Commission. The next redistricting year will be 2011.

*General Assembly Action-* In a redistricting year, the General Assembly would meet to consider the Commission's redistricting plan recommendation and enact legislation before October 1. Given the dates in the bill for Commission action, a special session would likely be required to consider the Commission's recommendation. The following table presents a cost estimate for a six-day special session. However, since the bill does not specify the length of a special session, the actual cost would depend on future legislative action.

Estimated Costs for a Six-Day Special Session	
Legislators (150 total)	Six Session Days
Per Diem*	\$83,700
Travel**	\$16,220
Total***	\$99,920
<p>* Effective 10/1/09, legislators receive \$155 per diem for every day in session (including Saturday and Sunday) and \$62 per diem for every day not in session. The net effect on expenditures is an additional \$93 per diem for every day in session.</p> <p>** Legislators are entitled to mileage for one round trip per week while in session.</p> <p>*** The House and Senate would also incur an unknown minor amount of expense for temporary session staff (doorkeepers and other temporary staff).</p>	

### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

### **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** LSA.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** *Indiana House and Senate Journals Index, 2008 Regular Session.*

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